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The Blazing Fire Of Lag B'Omer

On Lag B'Omer (the 33rd day of the *Omer*) we celebrate the passing of the great Kabbalist, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, author of *The Book of Zohar*. He was a special person and the revelation he made signifies the giving of the Torah, the science of correction, to the whole world.

Humanity developed from one generation to the next in birth pangs until it reached Abraham, who revealed the science of Kabbalah above the crisis that developed in Ancient Babylon. Then the nation of Israel waited for the Egyptian slavery and the Exodus from it, followed by the construction of the First and Second Temples, as well as other ascents and descents. All the horrible events that befell this nation and all human history in general appear to be one never-ending trial.

However, the entire path that we went through until the arrival of Rabbi Shimon was just our preparation for correction. After the destruction of the Second Temple, the nation of Israel finally lost the sensation of spirituality and entered exile from it. But then we received this gift from the heavens, marked by the arrival of a sage from the times of the Temple (a *Tana*), a Kabbalist of great stature. His special soul incorporated all the previous souls and united them within itself. That is why, together with his students, he was able to attain an extraordinary height, the final correction in his generation.

Baal HaSulam writes that never in history has there been any attainment higher than the one achieved in the times of Rashbi and his generation. The likes of it can only happen again at the End of Correction, and we are now standing at its threshold.

Zohar is the name of the Light that becomes revealed in *GAR* of the World of *Atzilut*, in its root, which is a special place—the "concealed mind" of the system of *Arich Anpin*. Rabbi Shimon was unique in that he was able to connect this incredibly high level with our world. His attainment placed him on the level of the Final Correction, just as before the destruction of the Temple, yet at the same time, he lived a regular, material life in the times after the destruction of the Second Temple. This was when the nation fell completely from the level of brotherly love to unfounded hatred, and this fall caused a complete disappearance of the spiritual sensation.

Because Rabbi Shimon united these two entirely different poles within him, he was able to write this great Book, meaning to make a revelation. Without it, we would not have the opportunity to correct our souls and attract the Light that Reforms.

The Light At The Threshold Of Revelation

Lag B'Omer is a special day, when the Light starts to enter *Malchut* from the Upper *Sefirot*. The Light comes to us from Infinity, passing through the World of *Adam Kadmon*, then the World of *Atzilut*, then through Partzufim *Atik*, *Arich Anpin*, *Aba ve Ima*, and *Zeir Anpin*, until it reaches the souls.

Zeir Anpin contains seven Sefirot, each of which contains seven Sefirot. Altogether, 7×7=49. Malchut is the 50th Sefira. That is how we count the days of the Omer, the entrance of the Light into Zeir Anpin, and on the 50th day, into Malchut. That is when our souls, which are included in Malchut, begin to receive the Light.

The unification (*Zivug*) of *Zeir Anpin* with *Malchut* takes place on the 50th day, but the Light enters *Zeir Anpin* completely on the 33rd day, when it enters *Sefira Hod de Hod*. Thus, there is *Hesed, Gevura*, *Tifferet*, and *Netzah*, with seven *Sefirot* inside each one of them. This adds up to 28, and there are five more *Sefirot* in *Hod* (*Hesed, Gevura, Tifferet, Netzah*, and *Hod*), which equals 33 (*Lamed Gimel—Lag*).

On this day we celebrate the entrance of the Light into *Malchut* of *Zeir Anpin*, meaning the Upper Light enters the system beneath which it already relates to the souls. If it reaches this place, then there's no doubt that we will receive this Light. We begin to feel it and to prepare for its revelation.

The time from the 33rd day until the 50th day is already preparation. The Light continues to descend lower down and adapts itself for entering the souls. A person who is already in the spiritual world feels this preparation, which takes place before the reception of this special Upper Light, called *Zohar*.

That is why we celebrate this day. Rabbi Shimon left this world because he completed his mission. He no longer had anything to accomplish in this world because he passed the Upper Light through all the *Sefirot* down to *Malchut de Zeir Anpin*. With this, he completed his work.

Together with his students, he conducted the entire Light of Infinity through himself like through a special filter, preparing it to be received by our souls. This is the main work they accomplished. Now, when we look inside this book, even without understanding the words, with our desire we unite with the system they prepared for us, and through it we receive the Light.